

### **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application.

### **Election/Restriction**

The application is subjected to an election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 10-19 are drawn to a forming a bitstream and applying various protection levels to different part of the image bitstream, classified in class 382 and subclass 240.
- II. Claims 8-9, drawn to constructing and storing codebook, classified in class 382 and subclass 253.

Applicant respectfully elects Group I, claims 1-7 and 10-19 without traverse.

**Conclusion**

Claims 1-7 and 10-19 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, **the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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